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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. PORTUGAL: REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MODERATES STRENGTHENED

THE JUNE 21 REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (RC) STATEMENT HAS BROUGHT A SIGH OF RELIEF TO THE TENSE POLITICAL SCENE. IN RESPONSE TO THE RC DECISION TO MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT TO COEXIST WITH THE POLITICAL PARTIES, THE MODERATES HAVE PRAISED THE REAFFIRMATION OF PLURALISM WHILE THE COMMUNISTS HAVE ISSUED A PRO FORMA STATEMENT OF SUPPORT.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT HARSH ECONOMIC REALITIES AND THE TOUGH "NO DEMOCRACY, NO AID" LINE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN HEARING MAY HAVE STRENGTHENED THE RC MODERATES. THE AFM:

--MAY BE BEGINNING TO REALIZE THAT THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF PORTUGAL IS IN EUROPE, AND THAT REAL ASSISTANCE WILL NOT COME FROM THE THIRD WORLD OR THE SOVIETS;

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--STILL BLAMES CURRENT PROBLEMS ON THE PROCESS OF "ELIMINATING ERRORS" OF THE PREVIOUS ECONOMIC SYSTEM, BUT NOW EMPHASIZES THAT ECONOMIC DECISIONS WILL BE THE ACID TEST OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO ACHIEVE THE

"REAL OBJECTIVES" OF SOCIALISM;

--KNOWS THAT IT CANNOT TAKE THE POLITICAL RISK OF DRIVING THE ECONOMY SO FAR DOWN THAT A CHALLENGE TO AFM CONTROL WILL RECEIVE WIDE SUPPORT FROM THE POPULATION.

THE REAL TEST OF RC ACCEPTANCE OF PLURALISM WILL BE HOW IT DEALS WITH THE REPUBLICA AND RADIO RENASCENCA CASES. UNLESS THESE CASES ARE HANDLED IN A MANNER WHICH PRESERVES FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, RC DEDICATION TO PLURALISM WILL HAVE A HOLLOW RING. (CONFIDENTIAL) LISBON 3510 AND 3491, 6/23.

2. KOREA: NOT THE TIME TO SKIMP ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE

EMBASSY SEOUL, COMMENTING ON PLANS TO SUBSTITUTE USED F-5ES FOR NEW AIRCRAFT, WARNS THAT THIS WILL UNDERMINE OUR EFFORTS TO REASSURE THE ROK OF OUR COMMITMENT. SUGGESTING ALTERNATIVES TO SOFTEN THE BLOW, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT:

--WE BE AS OPEN AND FRANK AS POSSIBLE IN EXPLAINING WHY WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FULFILL THIS COMMITMENT;

--THE USED AIRCRAFT BE DELIVERED UNDER SPECIAL FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, AND BE SUPPLIED AS "ADD-ONS" TO OTHER PLANNED DELIVERIES. (SECRET) SEOUL 4518, 6/23.

3. ISRAEL: RABIN BACKED BY KNESSET ON INTERIM AGREEMENT

A LIKUD PARTY MEMBER TOLD EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN PRIVATE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE KNESSET FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY COMMITTEE IS INTENT ON PRODUCING A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME TO THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN INTERIM AGREEMENT. THE MEMBERS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT:

--SYRIA WOULD TRY TO SABOTAGE ACHIEVEMENT OF AN AGREEMENT.

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--THE NET SUM OF THE NEW CONCESSIONS MIGHT BE INSUFFICIENT TO OVERCOME THE MARCH DEADLOCK.

THE EMBASSY SOURCE SPECULATED THAT IF RABIN FOUND THE TERMS OF AGREEMENT ACCEPTABLE, THE ENTIRE CABINET AND A FIRM MAJORITY IN THE KNESSET WOULD BACK HIM. (CONFIDENTIAL) TEL AVIV 3923 (LIMDIS) 6/23.

4. IRAQI POLICY IN THE GULF

USINT BAGHDAD REPORTS THAT IRAQ DOES NOT ADVOCATE A GULF SECURITY PACT OR OTHER FORMAL ARRANGEMENTS, BUT RATHER DESIRES GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH ALL LITTORAL STATES

AND AN INFORMAL AGREEMENT WITH IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA THAT INSURES IRAQ'S VITAL INTERESTS, NOTABLY ASSURED PASSAGE THROUGH THE STRAITS OF HORMUZ. (CONFIDENTIAL) BAGHDAD 663, 6/21.

5. SOVIET-SOMALI RELATIONS RETURN TO NORMALCY

IN ANNOUNCING A NEW \$60 MILLION SOVIET ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PACKAGE, SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN OF LAVISH PRAISE FOR THE SOVIET CONTRIBUTION TO SOMALI DEVELOPMENT AND HIT BACK AT THE QUIET CRITICISM OF SOVIET STINGINESS DURING THE RECENT DROUGHT EMERGENCY. THE NEW AID PROGRAM IS THE FIRST TIME THE SOVIETS HAVE GIVEN SIAD A STICK BIG ENOUGH TO IMPRESS THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE USSR'S NIGGARDLY DROUGHT RELIEF EFFORT.

EMBASSY COMMENT: WHILE THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE GIVES SIAD THE HELP HE HAS NEEDED IN ANSWERING PUBLIC CRITICISM OF SOVIET AID, IT WILL NOT SATISFY THOSE SOMALIS FOR WHOM CRITICISM OF THE SOVIET RELIEF EFFORT HAS BEEN THE MOST CONVENIENT WAY OF SHOWING DISPLEASURE AT THE SOVIET PRESENCE. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOGADISCIO 886, 6/23.

6. PRC ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE COUNTER TO SOVIETS

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INCORPORATE THE PRINCIPLE OF ANTI-HEGEMONY INTO BILATERAL JOINT STATEMENTS AND COMMUNIQUEs ARE BASED ON THE FEAR THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS MOVING AMBITIOUSLY TO FILL THE GAP LEFT BY THE US MILITARY WITHDRAWAL. FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA, WHILE TOASTING THE 1973 SINO-AUSTRALIAN PACT JUNE 9, HIGHLIGHTED THE ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE AND ACCUSED THE SOVIETS OF SIMULTANEOUSLY TOUTING THEIR ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY PROPOSAL WHILE STAGING A SHOW OF NAVAL FORCE IN THE PACIFIC/ INDIAN OCEAN AREAS. (CONFIDENTIAL) HONG KONG 7006, 6/23.
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